News release

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Cold snap may bring disruption

Forecasters at the Met Office continue to predict a marked change to much colder weather for next week, bringing the first potentially disruptive snowfall of the winter to some areas.

Snow will become the main focus of concern, with a risk of disruption over eastern and northern parts of the UK early next week. In stark contrast to the recent mild weather, temperatures will plummet, with widespread frosts.

This week, although northern areas could see some snow, the key feature will remain the potential for damaging gales over England and Wales on Thursday. Met Office chief forecaster Nick Grahame said, "The message to the public is to keep up to date with the forecast in their area and be prepared for the change to much colder weather next week."

Information on roads and traffic for your area can be found on the following web sites: Highways Agency, Traffic Scotland, Traffic Wales and TrafficWatch for Northern Ireland.

As the national weather service for the UK, the Met Office issues severe weather warnings for the country. These, and advice on how to prepare for severe weather, can be found on this web site.

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